



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KURODA, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2834**

Serial No.: **09/520,164**

Examiner: **Pedro J. CUEVAS**

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For: **ENGINE CONTROL SYSTEM FOR HYBRID VEHICLE**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 2834**

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 5, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **August 9, 2002**, extended to **February 9, 2003** by a **three (3)** month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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